(b) No relaxation of the rule was considered necessary in their case.

(c) Government do not think that any public interest will be served by placing the papers on the table.

3. (a) Yes.

(b) The petition was considered, and it was decided that no re-consideration of the order was necessary.

(c) Vide 2 (c).

Half-time system in schools.

141. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools, both Government and aided, in which the half-time system is in force at present;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools in which the half-time system has been abolished after the introduction of the same;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions, reports and public resolutions that have been received by the Government and the Education Department for abolishing the system on account of the various defects of the same;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a resolution of the All-Cochin Aided School Managers' Association requesting the Government to discontinue this new system;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have the information that the Travancore Government tried this new system and abandoned the same since it was found defective;

(6) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government had made any change in the salary of those teachers, who are forced to work for one hour more on account of the introduction of the half time system;

(7) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any change in the syllabus of studies for the classes when brought under the half-time system;

(8) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the resolution of the Annual Meeting of the Cochin Teachers' Association requesting the Government to discontinue the new system;

(9) will the Government be pleased to state the approximate amount of money that has been gained by the Government on account of the introduction of this new system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) One hundred and seventy four.

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(2) Twenty six.

(3) Some petitions and a few memorials were received, but the exact number cannot be traced.

(4) Yes.

(5) The system was tried in Travancore, but Government have no information why it was abolished.

(6) The question has been referred to the Special Finance Committee who will make the necessary recommendations.

(7) The question is under consideration.

(8) Yes.

(9) About Rs. 3,000 a month.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know the reasons for abolishing the system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In some aided schools the Managers preferred to have the full-time system, though grant was given on the half-time basis, and the Department said that it has no objection to the adoption of the full-time system.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—So it was abolished at the request of the Managers?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know the reason for abolishing the half-time system in Sirkar Schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In Sirkar Schools it was done at the instance of the Government. The half-time system was introduced in schools when additional divisions had to be opened, and new teachers had to be appointed for those classes. They are not real cases of abolition. They are due to temporary vacancies. In aided schools it is more or less the other way. The Managers requested for the abolition, and I said that the Department had no objection to grant their prayer, provided that grant would be given only on the half-time basis.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the Managers appreciated the half-time system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It has nothing to do with their appreciation of the system. They requested us to abolish this system, and we gave the sanction according to circumstances.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether our Government have referred the matter to the Travancore Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No, we have not.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know how it was calculated?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is an easy process of calculation. Half of the grant would amount to so much.

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Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—How much have you taken for each class ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We give only half.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Is it at Rs. 15 per class ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 15 or Rs. 20, whatever that may be.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I take it as Rs. 15 ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—You may take like that.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Then, the amount of Rs. 3,000 is more than what is mentioned. It is only in 174 classes that the system has been introduced.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But in one school it may be in more than one class.

Cochin Teachers' Association.

142. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have approved the Cochin Teachers' Association and its rules, etc. ;

2. will the Government be pleased to state whether they have helped the Teachers' Association in any way, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state the particulars of the helps rendered till now ;

3. will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any circular to the Managers of the Aided Schools or teachers of Aided or Sirkar Schools to the effect that the number of members of the Teachers' Association may be increased in number ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—1. Yes.

2. Orders have been issued to the Inspecting Officers to render assistance to teachers in their jurisdiction in forming themselves into branches and groups affiliated to the Cochin Teachers' Association. School buildings are allowed to be made use of for holding meetings of the Central and Branch Associations. A donation of Rs. 100 was given to the Association for conducting a Teachers' Magazine.

3. No.

Recognition of Nemmara High School.

143 Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state why recognition to the Nemmara High School was withdrawn in 1096 and under what article of *the Educational Code* was this done ;

2. when was the grant to this school stopped and why ; what article of *the Code* was violated by the Manager ;

3. whether the Government is in receipt of an 'open statement' before the Government of Cochin by R. Govinda Menon,

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